

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-58 and 60-62 are pending. By way of the previous Amendment filed June 26, 2009, claims 6, 7 and 63 were cancelled, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 were amended, and no new claims were added. By way of this Second Supplemental Amendment, no claims are amended, claims 58-62 are cancelled, and no claims are added.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 102(e) – Claims 50-63

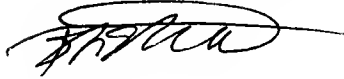
In the Office Action mailed February 26, 2009, claims 1-11, 16-18 and 58-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0736326 A1 to Espinoza et al, and claims 1-5, 7-10, 17-18, 58 and 60-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by WO 02/089978 to Hu et al., or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the same. In the Office Action mailed October 30, 2009, Applicants' Amendment filed June 26, 2009 and the Supplemental Amendment filed August 12, 2009 were recognized as bona fide although not fully responsive as it relates to claims 58-62.

In response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2009 and in compliance with the Office Action mailed October 30, 2009, Applicants have cancelled claims 58-62 rendering the foregoing rejections moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections relating to the remaining pending claims pursuant to the Amendment filed June 26, 2009 and the Supplemental Amendment filed August 12, 2009.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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